



2016 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONDAY JULY 18, 2016
7:00 PM**

The drafted minutes presented below are unapproved subject to corrections and/or additions at the next Selectboard meeting. Those corrections and/or additions will be written to an amended version of the minutes, which will also be made available to the public on the town's website.

Selectboard Members Present: Tom Fontaine, Lauri Fisher, Randy DeVine, Leebeth Ann Lemieux and Duane Leach.

Public Present: Mary Beerworth, W. Greg Heyer, Michael O'Day, Carl Jones, Barbara Murphy, Richard Wimble and Mark Hunziker.

Staff Present: Deb Woodward, TC & Treas., Amber Soter, Zoning Administrator and Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. Rob from LCATV recorded the meeting.

Call to Order: Tom called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Minutes:

(Of note: A meeting was not held the first of the month.)

6.20.16: Lauri moved to accept the minutes as written seconded by Duane. Motion so moved, vote 4-0. Leebeth was not present at the meeting.

Orders & Payroll: Randy reviewed the orders for the Town and Duane reviewed the Utility Department - which were approved by the Board.

Public Comment/Correspondence:

Michael O'Day presents this evening to talk to the Board about his property, located at 18 Lamoille Street. The Highway Department trucked in fill to form a ramp to the river so the Fire Department would have easy access to the water. Mike believes that the fill was placed on his property. The Board will research the area and will get back to Mr. O'Day.

Deb Woodward, TC & Treasurer:

Deb is here this evening to have the Board approve and set the tax rate. By consensus, the Board approved the tax rate as follows.

Residential: 1.8231
Non Residential: 2.055

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Deb presented a municipal checklist for internal control/cash controls or risk for the Board to review for approval. The checklist was reviewed by the Board and, by consensus of the Board, Tom Fontaine, Chair of the SelectBoard, signed the checklist.

7:15 PM - Development Regulations Hearing

Amber Soter, Zoning Administrator, presented a slideshow of the proposed amendments to the Development Regulations.

Following the Development Regulation Amendment meeting Amber presented a proposed bylaw titled "A Bylaw Establishing Screening Standards for Ground-Mounted Solar Electricity Generation Plants". The purpose of the bylaw is to ensure that the development of GMSP's are harmonized with their surrounding landscape through the implementation of appropriate screening as well as, implement the 2013 Fairfax Town Plan.

At the end of the presentation questions were entertained.

The hearing ended at 8:05 pm.

Other Business:

1. A discussion continued with Michael O'Day in regards to the ramp being built on his property located at 18 Lamoille Street. See public comment. There was no action taken at this time until further review.
2. D. Jay, Road Foreman, presented a quote to lease a tractor and mower at a cost of \$5900.00. By consensus the Board did not approve the lease. Tom will talk to D. Jay.
3. A complaint via email was received in regards to a growing concern regarding the use of fireworks in town. The resident was advised to contact the FSCO.
4. A complaint received via email in regards to the speed on Buck Hollow. The FCSO will be contacted and asked to patrol/monitor for speed.
5. Randy brought to the Board's attention the utility poles that were replaced by Green Mountain Power. FairPoint still has not transferred their lines to the new poles. We will contact FairPoint and inquire as to when this will happen.
6. VT DEC Watershed Management Division monitoring information report. The report was signed by Tom.

Adjourn:

Lauri motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. seconded by Leebeth. The motion so moved. The next regularly scheduled SelectBoard meeting will be held on Monday August 1 at 7 pm.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

Tom Fontaine, Chair
Fairfax Selectboard